

# Frank R. Stockton's Great Story in Next Sunday's World.

**EXTRA.**  
2 O'CLOCK.  
\$6,000,000 MISSING.

In Bonds That Should Be Inventoried with Stanford's Estate.

Widow of the Late Senator Files a Formal Declaration.

May Be an Upheaval of Southern Pacific Revelations.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The filing last evening of a local inventory and appraisal of the estate of the late Leland Stanford, brings to light some further information as to the reported trouble between the Stanford and Huntington interests in the Southern Pacific. Mrs. Stanford, as executrix, also filed a sworn declaration that certain property, belonging to the estate, had not come into her possession, though knowledge of the ownership of such property by the estate had come to her.

The declaration adds that she is proceeding with due diligence to obtain possession of such property which she put into the hands of other persons in New York and elsewhere, though she is now unable to ascertain the exact nature of the purchase or the value. She gives the persons the privilege of filing a supplementary inventory.

The estimated value of these missing stocks is \$6,000,000. A clause in Mrs. Stanford's supplementary declaration says that among the missing properties are 3,250 shares of Santa Fe, 11,225 shares of Southern Pacific, 16,235 shares of Newport News and Mississippi Valley, 60 shares of Chesapeake and Ohio common, 7,382 shares of Illinois Central, 1,993 shares of Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio 5 per cents, 65 bonds of Chesapeake and Ohio general 4 1/2-5s, 799 Mexican International Railway first 4s, 1,274 Illinois Central first 4s, 3788-49,088 Kentucky Central Trust Fund of 1890.

"Mrs. Stanford's assertion that she is proceeding with due diligence to secure these stocks," The Examiner says, "means that she has made formal demand of Huntington, and if the answer should be a refusal, suit will be begun."

The Chronicle says: "The inside workings of the Southern Pacific will be exposed if Mrs. Stanford should take judicial steps to recover the property which has been kept out of her possession as the executrix of her husband's will."

"One guess as to the reason why Mr. Huntington has not put them in her grasp is that he recent financial pinch which the Southern Pacific experienced Mr. Huntington borrowed money on them, and it has been out of his power lately to recover them because he did not have the ready cash."

Outside these missing stocks and the Griddle and Palo Alto property, which now belong to Stanford University, the late Senator's whole estate is appraised at \$17,688,319.

**EXPLOSION OF AN OIL STILL.**  
A Heavy Iron Cap Blown High in the Air.

Luckily It Caused No Damage When It Fell.

A muffled report, followed by a shower of iron, startled the workmen in the Bush & Denslow oil works, at the foot of Fortieth street, South Brooklyn, at 2:25 o'clock this morning.

A small still, standing in the centre of the big yard, had exploded, scattering its contents in all directions. The heavy iron cap was blown high in the air and landed in the middle of Fortieth street, fully 150 feet distant. The oil caught fire immediately. An alarm was turned in and the firemen arrived a few minutes later.

On reaching the scene they sent in another alarm. In a few minutes there were a dozen engines at work, and the fire was extinguished within a quarter of an hour. The still had a capacity of about 600 barrels.

When the explosion occurred a portion of the iron work was hurled against the office, but did but little damage. The police say the loss will not exceed \$500. They have been unable to ascertain the cause of the explosion. Nobody was injured.

**Round About Town.**

Boy G. Williams, a boy three years old, of 625 Lexington avenue, accidentally spilled a pot of hot coffee on himself Jan. 2, and died yesterday from the effects of the scalding and from exhaustion. An inquest will be held in a few days.

Morris Friedman, who said he had no home, was sent to the Island for fourteen days this morning. He entered the store at 204 Broome street last night and refused to leave unless given a meal and a dollar. An officer was called, who was compelled to take him to the station-house in a cab, as he refused to walk.

Two boys ranging from sixteen to twenty years of age, in charge of a dog, broke away from the police, and were handcuffed in pairs and then shackled to an iron chain.

The earth moves. Evidence, you can buy a first-class instrument, Salvation Oil, for 20c.

## ACCUSED BY HIS WIFE

Mr. Langer Charged with Stealing Diamonds Worth \$18,000.

She Has Him Arrested and Held in \$20,000 Bail.

Strange Story of a Successful Woman Jeweller of Harlem.

Mrs. Jennie Langer, an handsome and stylishly dressed woman, appeared in the Harlem Police Court this morning as complainant against her husband, Leo Langer. Mrs. Langer has been conducting an successful business in diamonds for the past ten years at 23 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. She secured diamonds on memoranda from some of the leading diamond merchants on Maiden lane.

In her affidavit Mrs. Langer charges her husband with stealing \$18,000 worth of diamonds, as well as \$500 in money from her store.

The couple have not lived happily together for some time. Mr. Langer is thirty-one and very attractive. She is thirty-three and very attractive. She has the reputation of being an excellent judge of diamonds and precious stones, and has never experienced any trouble in getting thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry from reliable houses.

The Langers have three children. Last Sunday Mrs. Langer went out for a short time. When she returned, she said, her ten-year-old girl said that she had heard a mouse in the store.

Mrs. Langer at once went down into the store and found the safe had been opened. Upon investigation she found the jewels had been stolen.

She suspected her husband, and went to friends of his at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. She said he admitted taking the diamonds, but refused to return them. On the following day, she went to Police Headquarters and told Inspector McLaughlin. Yesterday she secured a warrant from Justice Webley, and last night Detective Mulroy, of the Central Office, arrested Langer.

When arrested, Mrs. Langer refused to make any statement. Lawyer Aaron Kahn, who said he represented her, asked for an immediate examination.

"I did not enquire you," said Langer. "Yes," said Kahn, "and I demand examination."

"I did not enquire you," Langer retorted. "Yes," said Kahn, "and I demand examination."

Justice Webley then ordered Kahn away from the desk.

Lawyer Daniel Van Cott appeared for Mrs. Langer. He asked for an examination at 2 o'clock to-morrow. Bail was fixed at \$20,000.

The Langers have been trying to obtain divorces from each other for some time. Mrs. Langer conducts the business from the store. She lives over the store with her children.

Mrs. Langer spends part of the time at his wife's home and the rest with friends. Some time ago, Mrs. Langer, from the proceeds of her jewelry business, bought a house on Lenox avenue, valued at \$35,000.

## MURPHY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Hurled from His Coal Cart in Front of a Broadway Cable Car.

There was a narrow escape from a fatal Broadway cable car accident at the intersection of Broadway and Broadway at 8 o'clock this morning.

Thomas Murphy, of 529 Hudson street, driving one of Yonkers' carts loaded with coal through Broadway street across Broadway, was hurled to the pavement.

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After a couple of bushels of coal that had been knocked out of the cart onto the platform of the car had been transferred to its original berth, Murphy drove off and the cable car continued on its way.

The coal car driver said that he did not see or hear the cable car until it was almost upon him. He warned the gripman, but the latter, he said, made no attempt to stop his car until the collision occurred.

**OLSEN'S PRESENCE OF MIND.**  
It Probably Saved the Life of Madison Avenue Car 36's Driver.

The driver of Madison avenue car, No. 36, had a narrow escape from injury and possible death this morning at the junction of the Bowery and Third and Fourth avenues.

The driver was making at this point in the Third avenue cable road, and cars have to be shoved across by hand. Car 36's driver attempted to hitch his team onto the car again, after it had passed over the excavation, but the ring of the wheel failed to catch on the hook at the base of the dash-board.

The driver had loosened the brake, and his team suddenly straining forward, jerked him over the dash-board, directly in front of the car and almost under the wheels.

G. Olsen, a book-keeper at 105 Marlon street, who was passing, took in the presence of mind, jumped on the car, applied the brake and held it back, so that it stopped. It was about to crush the driver.

The latter, hair stunned and badly shaken up, was pulled out, and in a few moments was able to take his car on downtown.

**BOY KILLED BY TROLLEY.**  
Little Joseph James Mangled in Jersey City.

At 8:30 this morning Joseph James, five years old of Henderson and Grand streets, Jersey City, was run over and instantly killed at the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets by motor car No. 32 of the Consolidated Traction Company.

## HOFFMAN NOW TALKS

The Lackawanna Engineer Makes His First Public Statement.

He Declares that He Was Not Entirely to Blame.

Thinks the Dover Express Men Should Have Given a Warning.

Engineer David Hoffman, of the South Orange local that crashed into the Dover express last Monday morning on the Hackensack meadows, made his first public statement this morning to the "Evening World" reporter exclusively. Hoffman, who is married and lives on the third floor of St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken. By his bedside were his wife and daughter and two friends.

His head was completely swathed in bandages which were discolored with blood. What little of his face that was exposed showed frightful evidences of his daring leap from the cab of his engine on that fatal morning.

"There wasn't a patch as big as a three-cent piece on his face that was free from blood," Hoffman said. "I was very comfortable, and hoped to be around in a few days. 'The Evening World' reporter said."

"Engineer Hoffman, you have been blamed by President Sloan for causing that accident," Hoffman said. "I am not to blame," replied Hoffman. "I had heard any sort of a signal that morning, my warning at all. I could have stopped my train in time and so prevented the accident. But there wasn't a top on the track, nor did I see any sign of a flag. If the engineer of that Dover express had blown his whistle, I would have pulled up short."

"My train was three minutes late in leaving Newark that morning. We are due in Hoboken at 8:20 o'clock. We should have left Newark at 8:15, but it was 8:17. Money was not away. Our schedule bids us to make the run from Newark to Hoboken in seventeen minutes."

"That makes a run of eight miles, so you see, it is at a rate of thirty miles an hour. I believe the particulars it was increased by the noxious vapors that arise from the heaps of fertilizing material which are dumped on the meadows."

"Now I didn't attempt to make up that time," Hoffman said. "I was behind, although it is a fine run across the meadows in clear weather. In the fog Sunday morning, I was not able to make up the time."

"I wasn't running much faster than twenty miles an hour. I had been poking along slower. I would have been any, now, by a train behind me. I could have pulled up short. I was not in a hurry. I was not in a hurry. I was not in a hurry."

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## GANG OF FIREBUGS.

Fire Marshal Mitchell Hopes to Land All of Them.

Confident that Gottlieb Caused the Avenue C Explosion.

He is a Prisoner and is Expected to Turn State's Evidence.

Henry Gottlieb, in whose apartments in the tenement, 181 Avenue C, an explosion occurred Tuesday afternoon, wrecking the building, is safe behind prison bars, and Fire Marshal Mitchell, who ordered the arrest, says he has a clear case against the prisoner.

Not only that, but the Marshal thinks he is on a fair road to breaking up a gang of fire fiends, who for months past have, in their greed for insurance money, set fire to several tenements without the slightest regard for the loss of life which might have followed or the misery which it entailed.

Men like Gottlieb, however, are not the game the Fire Marshal is after. He wants other men, who occupy responsible positions, some of them insurance agents, others insurance adjusters, who, he says, belong to the organized gang.

Gottlieb and more of his stamp are engaged as the tools for the other conspirators, and when the whole story comes to be told, and the Marshal says it must be long, New York will be treated to a sensation of more than ordinary interest.

Gottlieb himself may furnish the means to the desired end. He is at present under lock and key in Essex Market Prison, and when he comes to realize the strong case which has been prepared against him, it is expected that he will surely turn State's evidence. Even if he does not, it is claimed that enough outside evidence can be secured to convict the whole gang.

The explosion in the house 181 Avenue C was fully told in "The Evening World" yesterday. In the morning Gottlieb and his wife were taken to Police Headquarters and questioned. They denied all knowledge of the fire in their apartment, claiming that they were out at the time.

Late last night, however, Fire Marshal Mitchell telephoned that he had secured enough evidence to convict Gottlieb and to treat him as a suspicious person until the more serious complaint could be entered.

Justice Hogan was on the bench in the Essex Market Court this morning when the alleged incendiary was arraigned. He told the particulars of the explosion, and after mentioning that he had witnesses to prove that he had collected insurance money, said:

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## ABOLISHING THAT COMMISSION.

Lawyers Coleman and O'Hare Exchange Hot Words.

And the Park Board Couldn't Open Sidewalk Bids.

His Action May Defeat the Single Sidewalk Scheme.

New Bids Will Probably Be Advertised for Now.

By absenting himself from the meeting of the Park Board today, Commissioner Paul Dana prevented his colleagues from opening bids for the one sidewalk speedway plan, and probably defeated the plan from being carried out for the present at least.

Commissioner Straus is in Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. Dana's presence was necessary to make a quorum for opening the bids for the construction of the first section of the speedway, at 11 o'clock today.

Mr. Dana sent a telegram dated at 10 o'clock from the Grand Central Depot, saying that he could not attend the meeting today.

If it was part of Mr. Dana's plan of campaign to stay action on the single sidewalk scheme by remaining away, he calculated well, as the failure to open the bids at the advertised time may nullify them all, and it may be necessary to re-advertise for new bids.

Mr. Morris, Comptroller Fitch's representative, expressed grave doubts as to the legality of the postponement.

"I don't think you can postpone the opening of bids," he said to President Tappan.

What else can we do. The law also says that we cannot transact business without a quorum," he replied.

This seemed to complicate the middle of the matter, and he was named an adjournment until Monday.

In the meantime, he said, he hoped the bidders would have confidence enough in the board to believe that the bids would not be tampered with.

To reassure the bidders, he said that Contract Clerk Smith, in whose custody the bids would remain, was an honest man.

The bids were sealed up in a box. There were thirteen of them.

By his action to-day, Mr. Dana has gained more time in the hope that the Legislature will pass the bill in the interim compelling the Park Commissioners to provide for two sidewalks.

As Mr. Dana's telegram was dated from the Grand Central Depot, it is assumed that Mr. Dana was on his way to Albany to urge such action by the Legislature.

**EXPLOSION OF GAS.**  
Laborers Pierce a Pipe on Fifteenth Street.

Several laborers of the Standard Gas Company were engaged in digging up gas pipes in front of 151 West Fifteenth street at 8:25 o'clock this morning. Suddenly one of the laborers struck a pipe with his pick.

The shock broke some windows, and did damage to the extent of \$50 in the house occupied by Mrs. Margaret Brady, at 151 West Fifteenth street.

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